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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
YOSHIYUKI SAKAKI)	Examiner: Lisa Bennett Arthur
Application No.: 09/581,478)	Group Art Unit: 1655
Filed: June 14, 2000)	
For: HUMAN Napl PROTEIN)	February 13, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

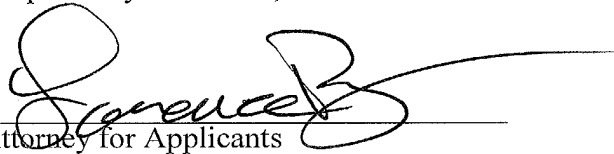
Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2002 (Paper No. 10) for three (3) months, up to and including February 19, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$930.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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